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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO ARAB/ISRAELI FIGHTING

1. ALL BANNERLINES ANNOUNCE CEASEFIRE IN EXTRA LARGE TYPE WITH SUPPORTING HEADLINES PROVIDING SOME DETAILS: TO BEGIN WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF PREVIOUS SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION (242) IMMEDIATELY - PREVIOUS RESOLUTION STIPULATES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES - SADAT: GREATEST CREDIT AT THIS DECISIVE STAGE GOES TO STEADFASTNESS OF ARAB PEOPLE AND CONSCIOUSNESS OF ITS PEOPLE - IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATIONS UNDER APPROPRIATE AUSPICES TO REALIZE JUST AND LASTING PEACE.

2. OTHER PROMINENT COVERAGE INCLUDED FOLLOWING ITEMS: SUADI FORCES PARTICIPATE IN BATTLE ALONGSIDE SYRIAN FORCES IN NORTHERN SECTOR - FAISAL THANKS MALAGASY AND CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC FOR SEVERING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL; SYRIA STUDIES RESOLUTION WITH GREAT CARE.

3. ONLY AL BILAD COMMENTED TODAY: "IT MIGHT BE SAID THAT THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ENDS ACHIEVED BY THE ARABS DURING THIS WAR WAS BREAKING THE ENEMY'S MILITARY ARROGANCE, AND MAKING HIM UNDERSTAND THROUGH SMOKE, FIRE AND BLOOD THAT

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HIS OCCUPATION OF THE ARAB LANDS WILL NOT BE A PICNIC.

ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT IS THAT THE ARAB FIGHTER HAS RESTORED HIS SELF-CONFIDENCE AND HAS PROVEN HIS EFFICIENCY AS A BRAVE WARRIOR. THE WORLD AT LARGE HAS ALSO BENEFITED FROM THIS SOLID ARAB STAND. THE WAR HAS PROVEN THAT THE ACCOMMODATION BETWEEN THE TWO MAJOR POWERS CANNOT IMPOSE AN UNJUST STATE OF AFFAIRS ON ANY PARTY. THUS WHEN THE ARAB NATION FOUGHT ITS LATEST BATTLE WITH ISRAEL, THE TWO BIG POWERS MOVED IN ORDER TO DO SOMETHING BEFORE THE SITUATION EXACERBATED AND POSSIBLY MADE THEM BECOME THE FIRST VICTIMS. FINALLY, THE ARAB SOLDIER HAS PROVED THAT WAR IS NOT AN OCCUPATION EXCELLED IN ONLY BY THE ISRAELIS. HE HAS FURTHER PROVEN THE FLIMSINESS OF THE MYTH OF ISRAELI ARMY INVINCIBILITY."

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